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SUBJECT: MTN: COUNTRY PROFILES

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1. OUR COMMENTS ON JAPAN PROFILE WILL BE HANDCARRIED BY MCNAMARA TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT DELEGATION HAS USEFUL AND NECESSARY CONTRIBUTION TO PROFILES OF 28 COUNTRIES LISTED IN REFTL. EARLY PREPARATION OF THIS MATERIAL HOWEVER IS DIFFICULT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE CONSIDERING STAFF LIMITATIONS, LARGE NUMBER BILATERAL MEETINGS AND JUNE-JULY SCHEDULE OF GROUP AND SUBGROUP MEETINGS (11 IN TOTAL). HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THIS WILL NOT RETARD WASHINGTON PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION THESE PROFILES.

3. WE SUGGEST, FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE APPROACH:

A) IDENTIFICATION BY WASHINGTON OF PRIORITIES AMONG THE 28 COUNTRIES. WE SUGGEST EMPHASIS ON COUNTRIES SUBMITTING TROPICAL PRODUCT REQUEST LISTS SINCE THESE

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COUNTRIES WILL LIKELY BE THE FIRST FOR WHICH POSSIBLE

CONCESSIONS AND COMPENSATION NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED.

B) U.S. EMBASSIES IN RELEVANT CAPITALS SHOULD WORK IN PARALLEL ON PROFILES, AS GENEVA DELEGATIONS ARE OFTEN UNINSTRUCTED WITH RESPECT TO SEVERAL KEY POINTS IN OUTLINE (E.G., SUPPLY ACCESS, ETC.).

C) AGREE TO SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THAT 3 GROUP PROFILES BE DONE, WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT THE COUNTRIES EXPRESS COMMON POSITIONS IN THE MTN. INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY SECTIONS NECESSARY, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO U.S. OBJECTIVES. MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WITH EC ASSOCIATION STATUS, HOWEVER, DO NOT COORDINATE POSITIONS AND SPEAK SEPARATELY IN GROUP ACTIVITIES.

4. WE COULD PREPARE PARTS OF 6 TO 10 PROFILES BEFORE TNC MEETING. MCNAMARA

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